

U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello Veterans Update



Dear Friend,

Veterans Day is a time for all of us to say, "THANK YOU TO A VETERAN!" We live in the greatest country in the world. We enjoy freedom and opportunity like no one on earth because of the sacrifices made by our veterans. I am working to make certain that the commitments made to our veterans, active duty, Guardsmen and Reservists are fulfilled. In the words of Harry Truman:

"Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices."

Sincerely,

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"I will continue to fight to see that veterans get the respect they deserve and the quality health care they were promised."

— US Congressman
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Working to Honor the Promises Made to our Veterans

Veterans Day is a time to honor those who have served in our armed forces. Many of these veterans were promised health care for life. However, our country has not always met this commitment. I have again cosponsored legislation that would make sure our veterans get the health care benefits they were promised and deserve.

- **H.R. 1223, the Keeping Faith with the Greatest Generation Military Retirees Act**, would waive the monthly Part B premium for eligible military retirees and their spouses and widows who began service prior to December 7, 1956. This bill fulfills the promise of lifetime health care made to many soldiers.



Congressman Costello presents military medals to World War II veteran, Hubert Hawkins

- **H.R. 1222, the Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act**, would allow military retirees to opt out of TRICARE and enroll in the Federal Employees Health Benefit plan if TRICARE does not provide adequate health care.
- **HR 2514, the Assured Funding for Veterans Health Care Act**, would require that sufficient resources are spent on veterans' health care every year.

If you have any questions or concerns about veterans' benefits or programs, please contact my office or refer to the list of phone numbers below.

Have a question?

Health benefits - 877.222.8387
Education benefits - 888.442.4551
VA Life Insurance - 800.669.8477
Office of Service Member Group Life Insurance - 800.419.1473
CHAMPVA - 800.733.8387
Gulf War Veterans - 800.749.8387
Status of Headstone claims - 800.697.6947
Telecommunication Device for Deaf (TDD) - 800.829.4833
Direct deposit for checks - 877.838.2778

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